



File Code: 1950
Date: March 29, 2019

Interested Party:

The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarvis Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest welcomes your comments on the proposed California Creek Powerline Project which is located on both private and National Forest System land within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Proposed Action

The proposal is to construct a new powerline that will provide power to two private land inholdings along California Creek. The application, submitted by Raft River Rural Electric is for approximately 4,500 feet of powerline. Approximately 2,400 feet will be buried within an existing roadway on National Forest System land. In addition approximately 2,100 feet of overhead powerline will be on adjacent private land. See attached map.

The project is located approximately 1 mile south of Mountain City, Nevada.

Expected Analysis

A proposed action may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an environmental impact statement (EIS) or environmental assessment (EA) only if there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action and the proposed action is with a category listed in 36 CFR Section 220.6.

The preliminary assessment is that this proposal fits within the following category – *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of NFS lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land (36 CFR 220.6(e) 3).*

If during the analysis it is apparent that an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is required, then the Forest Service would reassess the project and adjust the analysis as necessary.

Implementation Time Frames

Implementation for the project is expected to begin in August of 2019 and continue through fall of 2019.

Comment Process

The Forest Service encourages your comments on this proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the responsible official should consider in reaching a decision. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project, will be available for public inspection, and will be released if requested



under the Freedom of Information Act. To be most effective, we ask that comments be submitted no later than April 30, 2019.

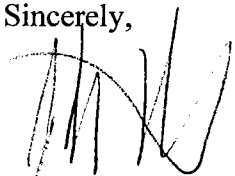
Submit written comments to myself, Joshua Nicholes, District Ranger, Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger District, 660 South 12th Street, Suite 108, Elko, NV 89801. The office business hours for those submitting comments in person are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to:

comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-rubymtns-jarbidge@fs.fed.us.

For further information please contact Doug Clarke, Project Coordinator at 775-778-6127 or dclarke@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Nicholes', written over a horizontal line.

JOSHUA NICHOLAS
District Ranger

Enclosure - Project Map